

# ENGLAND'S CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS BRINGS A RUSH OF FIGHTING MEN.

Militia Battalions Ordered to Join the Regiments to Which They Belong and Go to the Front.

This Will Take the Flower of the British Aristocracy. Troops of Rough Riders to Be Organized.

Noblemen's Offers to Raise Regiments Accepted and the Colonies and India Are to Be Drawn Upon.

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LONDON, Dec. 18.—The militia battalions attached to the following regiments have been ordered out: the East Kent, Bedfordshire, Royal Irish, West Riding, Gloucestershire, Oxfordshire, Wiltshire and Leinster.

Militia battalions all over the country are volunteering unanimously for foreign service, while members of volunteer regiments are clamoring for an opportunity to see service. The Government has decided upon a plan for selecting volunteers.

The English militia is nearer to the regulars than that of America. It is almost entirely composed of the Third Battalions of regular regiments. The men serve at least six weeks annually and receive small pay all the year round. They are officered by regulars or ex-regulars. The volunteers correspond more nearly to the American militia. The yeomanry are volunteer cavalry. England's young men are as ready to volunteer for active service as America's were for the Spanish war.

**Battalions Are Regiments.**

The English infantry is organized in a way that makes it a mystery to many foreigners. Each regiment is divided into battalions, but each of these battalions is what in America would be called a regiment. The first and second battalions are regulars, and the third, fourth and sometimes fifth and sixth are composed of militia. Each is as large as an American regiment.

For instance, take the Bedfordshires, the reserves of which have been called out to-day. The Third Battalion is called the Bedford militia, and the Fourth Battalion the Bedford militia. Each has an honorary colonel and an active lieutenant-colonel. In the present instance the active lieutenant-colonels are the Duke of Bedford and Viscount Cranborne, the latter the eldest son of the Marquis of Salisbury. Besides these militia battalions there are three battalions of volunteers attached to the Bedfordshire regiment, each a full regiment commanded by a lieutenant-colonel.

In the case of the Royal Irish Regiment, the reserves ordered out are the Third, Fourth and Fifth Battalions, known respectively as the Wexford Militia, the North Tipperary Militia and the Kilkenny Militia, each with a full regimental organization as it would be understood in the United States.

**Aristocratic Officers.**

These militia regiments are generally officered by the most aristocratic men in the country. They are no play soldiers either, for every officer has to take a course at a military academy and to pass severe examinations for each promotion, besides serving at least six weeks of every year with the regulars.

The War Office will probably call for mounted volunteers to form Rough Rider regiments. The official announcement issued yesterday was purposely made wide enough not to debar the Government from accepting any person who may offer.

**Rough Riders Wanted.**

The first will be a mounted corps in South Africa such as the Imperial Light Horse; the next probably an English Rough Riders, the Rough Riders forming around a nucleus of yeomanry cavalry, which is organized into brigades. The leading cross-country riders, masters of hounds and society men given to country sporting life, would be the officers. A popular movement which is spreading is to have rich men raise and equip troops of irregular cavalry and accept for enlistment only men who can ride and shoot. It is believed that 40,000 such men could be raised.

**Lord Chesham's Offer.**

Lord Chesham, a former officer of the Coldstream Guards, has been authorized to organize and command a force of 2,000 yeomanry or irregular cavalry.

Lord Londale offered to take to Africa at his own expense the two hundred Westmoreland yeomanry of which he is colonel.

The War Office and commanders of regiments are deluged with applications for cavalry service. The famous Honorable Artillery Company of London, the oldest organization in the kingdom, demands by right of precedence to go to the front. Colonel Sir Howard Vincent, commander of the Queen's Westminster Volunteers, which recently accepted the challenge of the Sixteenth Pennsylvania's international



Battle of Rietfontein, October 24.

This picture shows some of the Gloucestershire regiment advancing behind the batteries under a very hot fire, and is from a photograph taken on the spot by a correspondent of the London Sketch.

rifle shooting contest, has offered to raise a regiment of 1,000 of the best marksmen in England.

The criticism of the British nation for the African disasters is beginning to roll over the heads of the highest government officials, and is now aimed strongest at Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Chancellor of the Exchequer, for his parsimonious policy, which prevented adequate preparations demanded by the fighting generals.

**Transport Service Bad.**

This movement is growing so strong that the retirement of Hicks-Beach is openly discussed. The next man to catch it is General Buller, head of the Transport Department. England always understood she had a magnificent fleet and mercantile marine, better than any other country. Officials now say such a statement as regards speed is an exaggeration.

The transport service has been so bad as to cause Britain a severe blow in her proudest boast. Therefore Buller is being raked fore and aft.

The third victim of criticism is Lord Wolseley, the commander in chief. He is charged with knowing that the British artillery is antiquated and unequal to that of the Boers, and as commander sanctioning a plan of campaign that has resulted so disastrously.

**Great Sortie Expected.**

There is no news from the front later than Saturday. Everybody is apparently sitting tight. Rumors of Ladysmith's fall have been so many that rumors of this kind do not get much credence. It is generally acknowledged, however, that unless Buller is able to do something soon Ladysmith cannot hold out much longer. London experts declare that before surrendering White will make a last desperate sortie and try to break through the lines, Buller plunging at the same time to help him.

The Boers are trying to get to Methuen's rear.

**An Effort at Arbitration.**

Rome, Dec. 18.—Signor Pompili, a Deputy, and one of Italy's delegates to the Peace Conference, has gone to The Hague to try to obtain the good offices of some Powers to settle the Transvaal war.

**LORD ROBERTS IS TO SAIL ON SATURDAY.**

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Field Marshal Lord Roberts, and his staff sail for South Africa on the Dunstons Castle, on Saturday.

Calro, Dec. 18.—General Lord Kitchener, who has been appointed chief of staff to Field Marshal Lord Roberts, of Kandahar, the new Commander-in-Chief of the British forces in South Africa, leaves London on Tuesday and will arrive here on Friday. He will start for Cape Town as soon as possible.

**GATACRE FORBIDS ALL FARMERS TO MOVE.**

Sterkfontein, Cape Colony, Thursday, Dec. 14.—General Gatacre has issued a proclamation forbidding all persons living on farms to move about the district or to visit Sterkfontein except on Saturdays, and then only with passes, under pain of summary arrest.

It is understood that the proclamation is directed partly to the prevention of the conveyance of news regarding British movements.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Cape Town says that the bodies of two of the guides who misled General Gatacre at Sterkfontein were found on the battlefield. The men had been shot.

**ENGLAND'S HOPE IS IN ROBERTS NOW.**

LONDON, Dec. 18.—"Boha," as Lord Roberts of Kandahar is familiarly known, is a name to conjure with in Great Britain, and that Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener are considered the right men to relieve the disastrous situation in South Africa is amply evidenced by the more cheerful tone of all the war discussion this morning.

In spite of the attempts of the authorities to gloss over the supersession of General Buller, the fact remains that the new appointments cannot be regarded otherwise than as the penalty for his failure. A

## BRITAIN WILL RUSH TROOPS FROM INDIA.

Four Regiments and a Brigade of Artillery from Bombay in a Hurry—The Duke of Connaught Wants to Go to South Africa.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—4.30 a. m.—The War Office has been in communication with General Sir William Lockhart, Commander-in-Chief in India, with a view to ascertaining what troops can be spared from his forces, and it is understood that, as a result of these inquiries, a force will almost immediately leave Bombay for Durban, including four regiments of seasoned troops, with an ammunition column and a brigade of artillery, including horse

and field batteries. It is hoped that this force will reinforce General Buller within a month.

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## CANADA'S SECOND CONTINGENT ACCEPTED

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 18.—The Imperial Government has accepted the offer of the Dominion Government to send a second contingent to the Transvaal.

The Minister of Militia says the contingent will be made up largely of cavalry and artillery.

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**BOERS BLOWING UP RAILROAD CULVERTS.**

LONDON, Dec. 18.—A brief, independent account of the Colenso fight adds nothing to the official account, except that the fighting lasted eight hours and that the British retirement was completed in good order.

A dispatch from the Modder River, dated Saturday, December 16, says the Boers have blown up the railroad culverts two miles north of General Buller's camp.

**BRITISH FACED A MURDEROUS FIRE.**

LONDON, Dec. 19.—A correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing from Frere Camp, Natal, December 15, and describing the Tugela River battle, says:

"The Boers in great force occupied a strong entrenched position, commanding the river and reaching back about 800 yards from its further side. General Buller's brigade, on the left, first attempted a crossing under a murderous Nordenfild rifle fire. The Royal Dublin Fusiliers, the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, the King's Own Scottish Borderers and the Connaught Rangers crossed with superb and unflinching gallantry, but the position on the other side was found utterly untenable.

"The British suffered heavily from a perfect hail of artillery and shrapnel, while their own artillery was very badly mauled. They were therefore obliged to recross the river.

"On the right General Buller's brigade, displaying equal heroism, succeeded in entering the village of Colenso, but the Sixth Battery encountered a murderous fire and was compelled to retire, leaving guns and ammunition wagons on the field. This brigade also was obliged to fall back.

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**BERESFORD SAYS USE NAVAL CANNON.**

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Rear Admiral Lord Charles Beresford is quoted in an interview to-day as saying:

"The issue of the war will depend more upon artillery than anything else, especially at the siege of Pretoria and other places where the biggest battles are expected. Therefore I urge that all the naval guns which can be spared from the reserves and other ships be mounted on artillery trails and limbers for field service immediately. The telegraph station was destroyed, but the quick-firing twelve-pounders, of twelve hundred weight, in the army."

"The Government should immediately commission every ship in Division A of the navy, as a needed precaution against any nation seeking to take advantage of Great Britain's condition. No friendly nation could object. It would only be running water through hose pipes so as to prepare for fire."

"I am greatly pleased to see Lord Roberts and Kitchener go to the aid of General Buller."

**East Coast Cable Again Disabled.**

The Commercial Cable Company issued the following notice yesterday: "We are advised that the cable between Mozambique and Lorenzo Marques is interrupted. A terrible cyclone at Mozambique has caused interruption of the Delagoa Bay cable, houses have been blown down and ships in the harbor have been wrecked. The telegraph station was destroyed, but the instruments were saved."

**Cavalry Going from Australia.**

Melbourne, Dec. 18.—An Australian mounted contingent of a thousand men will sail for South Africa before January 30. An additional New South Wales battery of artillery is to sail immediately.

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